Griff Laughs at Plan to Have Nationals Play Half Season in Baltimore

GRIFF SAYS SCHEME OF SHARING OUTFIT WITH ORIOLES CRAZY

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"Washington is willing to take in Hyattsville as a suburb of the Capital, but it can't reach out to Baltimore, which is a cheap town and only one of the suburbs of this city. Robinson has all he can do hardling that Brooklyn club without making any looney suggestions as that which would have Washington and Baltimore jointly own my ball club. Robbie must be crazy."

Thus does Clark Griffith, manager of the Nationals, speak of the suggestion from Wilbert Robinson, a Baltimorean and manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, that Oriole capitalists purchase half of the local club and have the home games divided between this city and Baltimore.

"In the first place," continues Griff, "this suggestion is foolish. In the second, no owners want to dispose of their stock. In the third, such a move would never be countenanced by the other clubs, who would have to agree before it could be made legal. In the fourth, Baltimore is a no good baseball town, never has been a major league town and never will be. It didn't even support the Federal League, which claimed to be a big league.

"Baltimore must want to keep in the limelight, that's ail, with this junk about buying half of my club. There's no possible chance for

it to happen." Washington fans, however, are much interested in the suggestion of Wilbert Robinson, which appeared in yesterday's Times. If the scheme could be put through, only thirty-eight games would be played here during the season, as the other half would be played in Baltimore. Robinson suggested that the first two games of a fourgame series be played in either city, the other taking the final pair. He believes this would prove of greater drawing power than to have four played in one city. Baltimore fans, breft of basebail of any description, are also becoming excited over the prospect of having real big league baseball, if only for thirty-eight contests in a season. They are today considering ways and means to bring this about.

Not until the middle of January, 1916, will Clark Griffith be informed whether or not he wil' be able to train his ball club at Charlottesville. On the 10th of next month the members of the Virginia fraternity, occupying what has for three years been the Griffmen's headquarters, will return to Charlottesville. A meeting will be held and a vote taken on the subject of allowing the big league beauties to drape their weary limbs around the classic halls of that building on Chancellor street. If the collegians decide to retain their own quarters, passing up the extra money paid by the manager of the Washington club, the Griffmen will train somewhere else.

Mike Martin, trainer of the Griffmen, spent a couple of days recently in dear old Charlottesville. He failed to find any suitable buildings for the coming season. Indeed it is whispered that if the fraternity house in question is obtained, a huge task remains in finding some place in which to house the rookies. Charlottesville is waxing prosperous and the houses usually occupied by the ball club are already Though the Old Fox insists that he wants to return to Charlottesville, the difficulties in his way may send him to more Southern

"I have plenty of time to consider this training question," says Manager Griffith. "I have received several excellent offers from as far away as San Antonio, Tex., and no matter where we go, we'll get into good shape. Make Martin could train a ball club in Labrador, if he had to. My club won't spend much more than a couple of weeks in training, that is, for the veterans. Only the pitchers will work for a month. As soon as those students at Charlottesville let me know what to do. I'll do it. Until then I'll try my best to smoke up these Christmas

EXPECTS GEDEON TO SHOW UP.

to report for another trial with the Washington club next spring. Gedcon, fearing that the Old Fox meant to send him to Minneapolis, took the flying leap into the camp of the Federal League a couple of weeks before the independents "surrendered." He agreed to play with the Newark Feds. His Christmas present was the information that the Newfeds had dropped out of business and that his only haven of rest would be the Washington club. Unless he decides to quit playing ball and remain at home on his ranch, Gedeon will once more electrify the fans with his spectacular performances at Florida ave-

Gedeon has a fine chance now to make place for himself with the Griffmen, is doubtful if Ray Morgan will be with the team again next season. He has been offered to Cleveland, and, if Somers retains his interest in the Indians, will probably land there. This will leave carl Sawyer, Morley Jennings and Joe Gedeon to battle for the keystone beeth. stone berth.

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Sawyer appeared a light hitter during his short trial last September. Jennings is a shortstop, not a second basenian, tiedeen played great ball at second for Salt Lake last year in the Pacific Coast League. Unless he goes to pieces in the big show, it would appear that he stood the best chance of all to earn the place as a regular. earn the place as a regular.

It is the same old story with the big league moguls. After flamboyantly announcing that he "would have no Fedson his team." Charlie Ebbets, owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has changed his time.

tune.
"We are looking over the different Fed players," says the discoverer of "We are hooking over the different feed players," says the discoverer of holidays, to see if we can use any of them. I am confident that in the long run not more than ten or a dozen Ped-eral Leaguers will be taken back into the National League."

It is up to them to make it so, but a continuance of their policy of double dealing, evasion and tampering with the truth will not restore the confidence of the public. Had the magnates and officlais dealt fairly with the players and public, and also each other, there would have been no baseball war and condi-tions would not have reached the chaotic state from which they were rescued at enermous expense during the peace negotiations of the last few

Gum shoe tricks may do in politics. but the public is tired of such methods being applied to baseball. The latter, through its agents, the baseball writ-ers, is insistent that the magnates cease to mislead those who support the national game and deal the cards from the top of the deck. Both fans and writers are weary of being guiled, and they call upon those who appointed themselves to guide the destinles of the

Manager Griffith expects Joe Gedeon rificing fair play to the pursuit of the almighty dollar will not be successful. Bluff and bluster must be law aside. Clean basefull, more concessions to the firms, and a square deal to the minor leagues, players, and everyone identified with the remeasurement. with the game are demanded.

> That it is going to be a difficult effort for some of the gum-shoers to when the peace commissioners completed their work at Cincinnati and were merely waiting for the necessary papers to be drawn up for their signatures.

"As the door to the conference room opened and Garry Herrmann stepped out, he was met by a score of newspaper men who wished to know the terms of the peace compact. Despite the fact that these terms were public property, thanks to several leaks during the session at the Waldorf, Herrmann was opposed to giving out any public statement. Had it been left to public statement. Had it been left to him, none would have been made, but ban Johnson was wiser, and instead that the aewspaper men be given the oformation, which, of course, they already had.

"The greatest inconsistency of the eaders of organized baseball was shown in their statements prior to the signing of the peace pact. In loud tenes they said they would not take back any contract jumpers. In other

"How can the officials and club owners reconcile themselves to accepting the magnates, who, for personal reasons, tried to smash the national game and then refuse to grant immunity to the players who were induced to flop? The players ald not start the Federal League and give the grand old sport such a territe fail.

the National League."

Henry P. Edwards the Cleveland Plain Dealer's veteran baseball writer, has some sterling truths to tell the big league magnates in the following:

'The baseball war, which has torn the national game assunder during the last two years and all but killed it, is ended and the club owners and league officials, in their characteristic shortsightedness, can see nothing but the brightest of careers for the grand old sport.

'It is up to them to make it so, but a continuance of their policy of double the forgiven and he will be welcomed.

National League citib his mistakes will be forgiven and he will be welcomed to the fold.

"The magnate's park is worse than his bite, and the writer wishes the cleveland club had a 300 bitter for every time a big league official has been forced to back up upon an emphatically avowed statement."

Until the collapse of the baseball war Cincinnati expected to obtain Eddie Ainsmith from the Griffmen, having him replace Tommy Clarke. Clarke was disciplined by Buck Herrog and was expected to hop to the Feds. Buck is then said to have laid plans to grab Ainsmith as soon as possible. Now that Clarke, a better enterer than Ainsmith, will have to play in Cincinnati, the deal is off.

Must Williams, the Griffman who they call upon those who appointed themselves to guide the destinies of the national pastime to steer into channels that are free from the snags of discord and the eddies of intrigue.

"Reforms are needed and now the governors of organized baseball are afforded the opportunity of restoring the game to the popularity which it enjoyed arior to the time the public side of the popularity which it enjoyed arior to the time the public indicates how much Mutt worked for Joe Cantillen last summer. HE WOULD TALK ABOUT HIMSELF IF---



LEAGUE WILL SEEK TO ASSIST SOMERS

Magnates in Ban Johnson's Cir- Elastic Englishman Thinks He'll Veteran Washington Scrapper cuit Will Meet in Cleveland Wednesday.

WILL CLAIM HONORS

Fulton's Manager Says That His Man Is Willing to Go Through With Battle.

Manager Tota Jones today laid plans to conduct the March 4 bout with Fred Fulton at Juarez, or some other city. in event New Orleans promoters stand pat on their decision not to stage the scrap with the Minnesota contender. "I'll fight Fulton before I fight Moran," said Willard today. "We'll not give Fulton a dirty deal,"

iones added. Mike Collins, Fulton's manager, said his man will keep the New Orleans agreement to the letter, and will claim the title by forfeit if the bout is called

Cardinals Are Seeking Nick Cullop, Fed Hopper

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.-The St. ouis Cardinals have opened negotiations to obtain Nick Cullop, the Kawfeds' star southpaw twirler. They are also in the market for Chief Johnson, the Indian pitcher, but are particularly desirous of getting Cullop's signature to

a 1916 contract.

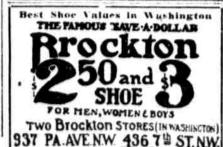
Cullop jumped from the Cleveland
Americans to the Federal League and pitched good ball here. Johnson jump-ed the Cincinnati Nationals. In addition to this pair of players, offers are expected for Miles Main, Ted Easterly, and George Stovall

Columbia A. C. Runners Start Up for Season

John Mahoney will again take charge of the Columbia A. C. runners this winter and, according to reports, will have a strong bunch of sprinters in the various meets. Mahoney was the mov-ing spirit in last year's successful track

Scason.

The C. A. C. runners will train at the Y. M. C. A., and expect to enter in the various relays in the Washington and Baltimore meets this winter. There will probably be four relay teams in



WILLIE RITCHIE TO BATTLE TED LEWIS

Win From Californian Tomorrow Night.

NEW YORK, Dec 25.-Welterweight with the title dangling from his helt.

Playing Ice Baseball. Harry McCormick, Heinle Zim, Bube tractive card.

LOWE AND HOUCK IN ARDMORE BATTLE

Takes on Philly Lad for Twenty Rounds.

Johnson of the American League will leave tonight for Cleveland to arrange preliminary details of the league meeting Wednesday, at which the financial distress of Charles Somers' Indians will be taken up.

Johnson declared today the league will keep Somers at the head of the club, if possible. The magnates plan also to thresh our rival claims for several Federal stars.

NEW YORK, Dec 27.—Welterweight title metch between Ted Lewis, the first time in its history Ard-Kemper. Louris will stage a twenty-round go. On New Year Day Tommy Lowe, Steteran Washington battler, will take to Willie ifouck, the Philadelphian, in Willie ifouck, the Philadelphian in Willie ifouck, the Philadelphian, in Willie ifouck, the P hounced a bit later in the week. Manager La Fentaine is booking several good scrappers in order to fill an at-

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Would Play Dartmouth. Notre Dame is trying its best to ar-

Harry McCormick, Heinle Zim, Rube Oldring, and a number of other ball players who are wintering in New York have invented a game called ice luse. Alternate in the played on skates. Heinle Zim will be requested not to talk to the unpite during the game for fear of melt-ling the condition.

Notre Dame is trying its best to arrange a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, day's contest. The newly organized to be played in Indianapolis next fall. Steel Plant cleven 4 to 2 in yester-range a football game with Dartmouth, day's contest. The newly organized to be played in Indianapolis next fall.

Interdenominational League's Averages

After a had start, St. Mark's, last year's pennant winner, leads the Interdenominational League at the end of the first half of the schedule, one game ahead of Sixth, which team, in turn, is one game in front of Fifth. A. Noack has the highest average, leading the league with a mark of 194-1. three full points ahead of the next

highest man. The standing of the teams and the averages follow:

Interdenominational League.

STANDING OF TEAMS. TEAM AVERAGES.

League Records.

High individual average-A. Noack, St. Mark's, 194-1. Second high individual average—R. Kluge. St. Mark's, 59-20. High individual game—E. Hartstall. Bethany, and Fowler, Sixth, each 137. High individual set—A. Noack, St. Mark's,

High team game—St. Mark's, 529. High team set—St. Mark's, 1.509. Greatest number of strikes—C. H. Groff, St. Mark's, 13. Greatest number of spares-J. Ellett Tirth, 48. High flat game A. Hartstell, Bethany, &

Individual Averages. Windsor 113 Witstatt KENDALL BAPTIST.

Washington Soccer **Team Wins Contest**

The Washington succer team defeated the Steel Plant eleven 4 to 2 in yester-

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